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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Town Offices Community Room

Monday, January 23, 2006, at 6:00 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen met on Monday evening at 6:00 P.M. The members present were Selectman Jason Booth, Selectman Kevin O'Connor, Selectwoman Karen Puleo, and Selectwoman Jackie Schnackertz. Administrative staff present was Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman and Therese Gay, Admin Assist. Selectman Lemoine was absent this evening because of scheduling.

Selectwoman Schnackertz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Selectman O'Connor, the Clerk read the agenda. Because of the discussions on the Indian Lane cul-de-sac scheduled for 6:30 P.M. the Board took the agenda items out of order.

1. 6:30 P.M. – Indian Lane Cul-De-Sac Discussion

Chairwoman Schnackertz opened the meeting and welcomed the residents of Indian Lane. Chairwoman Schnackertz gave a quick overview of the Mass Highway's realignment plans for Pawtucket Blvd. The Board sent a letter asking the State to consider a complete taking of the residences at 3, 7, and 11 Indian Lane, and had asked the State if they would also consider conducting a noise study, provide a street lighting design, and flag the contours of the project. The Selectmen wanted to hear comments from the residents of Indian Lane before making a final decision on whether or not to go ahead with the cul-de-sac. Selectman O'Connor read the receipt of two letters into the record, one letter in favor of and one against the cul-de-sac.

The four residents of Indian Lane were present at the meeting. Three of the residents do not want the cul-de-sac, it would have a negative impact to Indian Lane. Creating the cul-de-sac would involve additional takings from two of the residents. The residents do not want the road closed on the Sherburne Avenue side because that would leave only one way in and out of Indian Lane. This would make it difficult for the emergency vehicles to access Indian Lane from Frost Road. The residents feel the Selectmen should not consider the letters as their authors are not residents of Indian Lane. The one resident who is in favor of the cul-de-sac has small children and feels it would be safer to limit the number of vehicles going from Sherburne Avenue to Frost Road during time of heavy traffic.

Selectman O'Connor has asked the residents if there is more that the town can do to help reduce traffic or maybe better mark the road to slow traffic down. The residents feel that the Police are doing all they can. A sign for "residents only" would not work because relatives and/or workmen would not be able to enter without being ticketed if an officer is stationed there. The Selectmen will work with the Police Chief to find a method that would help reduce traffic and/or speeding. The Chair thanked all the residents for attending the meeting and for their input on all of the issues. It is important to hear what the issues are and to discuss solutions to control the traffic and enforcement with our safety personnel.

The Town Administrator cautioned the Board that there are issues with the flood plain which would affect the configuration of the cul-de-sac.

The Board after discussions voted to not take action at this time.
Motion by Selectman O'Connor to take no action at this time, second by Selectwoman Puleo,
Vote – 4 in favor, 1 absent, 0 opposed. The motion does carry.

2. One Day Special License Request – Boston University, 72 Tyng Rd
The Board received a request from Boston University Corporate Education Center for a one day special license to serve wine and malt at a business dinner on Friday, January 27, 2006 from 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at 72 Tyng Road.

Motion by Selectman O'Connor to approve the request for a one day special license as submitted, second by Selectwoman Puleo.
Vote – 4 in favor, 1 absent, 0 abstain. The motion does carry.

3. Citizens' Time
Chairwoman Schnackertz asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on a non agenda item. No one came forward.

4. Other Business (If Necessary)
There was no other business this evening.

5. Correspondence
Selectman O'Connor acknowledged the 32 pieces of correspondence.

Motion by Selectman O'Connor to accept the 32 pieces of correspondence, second by Selectwoman Puleo.
Vote – 4 in favor, 1 absent, 0 opposed. The motion does carry.

6. Approve Minutes of December 12, 2005 Work Session, January 9, 2006, Meeting and the January 12, Tri-Board Meeting
The Board received copies of the selectmen's minutes for their review, the Chair hearing no discussions entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion by Selectman Booth to approve the minutes of December 12, 2005, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz.

Vote – 2 in favor, 1 absent, 2 abstain, 0 opposed. The motion does carry.

Motion by Selectwoman Puleo to approve the minutes of January 9, 2006, second by Selectman O'Connor.

Vote – 3 in favor, 1 absent, 1 abstain, 0 opposed. The motion does carry.

Motion by Selectwoman Puleo to approve the minutes of January 12, 2006, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz.

Vote – 2 in favor, 1 absent, 2 abstain, 0 opposed. The motion does carry.

7. Selectmen's Notes

Selectman Booth has just returned from vacation, and was graciously narrated a brief description of his travels.

Selectman O'Connor attended the MMA Conference this past weekend. He reported the meeting as being upbeat with the Governor's position of increasing local aid. Selectman O'Connor also assisted at the Veterans' Affairs booth. Selectman O'Connor also noted the different organizations that he attends as a representative of the town, such as NMCOG and the LRTA.

Selectman O'Connor has introduced the Town Administrator to Mr. Bob Flynn and Beverly Woods of NMCOG during a meeting in her office. NMCOG provides many services to the Town. Selectman O'Connor will set up a meeting with the Town Administrator and Mr. Scanlon director of the LRTA which also provides various services to the town.

Selectwoman Puleo commented on the tri-board meeting and feels it is a positive start to the budget process and is glad that the Finance Committee is taking an active part in the process as well.

Selectwoman Schnackertz touched on the Master Plan Implementation Committee and the Economic Development Committee. The Government Study Committee was discussed. Selectwoman Schnackertz would like to serve on the subcommittee along with Selectman O'Connor to start the preliminary study and report. The Board members were amenable to having Selectwoman Schnackertz and Selectman O'Connor serve on the subcommittee.

8. Town Administrator's Notes

The Town Administrator has started meeting with the department heads individually to discuss their budgets. The Capital Assets Management Committee has started meeting weekly and has completed their discussions about capital needs with the School Dept., Police Dept., Fire Dept., and Highway Dept.

The Town Administrator is discussing with the Police Chief the National grid's customer service and the reporting of power outages. She is working on two bid proposals one for the Board of Health's Hazardous Waste Day and the other for the Lake Mascuppic weed treatment.

The Town Administrator has cautioned the Board on an upcoming Zoning Board of Appeals petition for a cell tower at 50 Coburn Road.

The Town Administrator mentioned some of the upcoming meetings. Next week January 30th, Kopelman and Paige, P.C. will be at the meeting to give an update on the various cases they are working on.

The monthly meeting with the Department Heads has been successful. The discussions have made departments more aware of what is happening and the Administrator has received a positive feedback from everyone.

9. Executive Session (If Necessary)

There was no executive session this evening.

10. Adjournment

The Chair hearing no further discussions entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Selectwoman Puleo to adjourn the meeting, second by Selectman Booth.

Vote – 4 in favor, 1 absent, 0 opposed. The motion does carry.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Gay
Admin Assistant